

## MINUTES LONG LAKE CANVASSING BOARD MEETING November 13, 2020

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 pm.

Due to the COVID-19 health pandemic, the Long Lake City Council/Canvassing Board attended the meeting telephonically pursuant to Minn. Stat. 13D.021.

**Present:** Mayor: Charlie Miner; Council: Deirdre Kvale, Jahn Dyvik, and Tom Skjaret

**Staff Present:** City Administrator: Scott Weske (in person); and City Clerk: Jeanette Moeller

(in person)

**Absent:** Council: Michelle Jerde (with prior notice)

## **CANVASSING OF NOVEMBER 3, 2020 MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS**

City Clerk Moeller reported that Minnesota Statute requires that the City Council serve as the Canvassing Board for City elections; and the Board is required to approve the City's municipal election results between the third and tenth day following the General Election. The Board would typically have met between November 7 and November 14 this year; however, due to the unique circumstances, legislative changes and court rulings surrounding this year's election occurring during a health pandemic, Hennepin County cities are required to canvass their election results on Friday, November 13, 2020 in order to canvass with complete results. Long Lake had three municipal offices on the November 3, 2020 State General Election ballot. The offices were Mayor and two City Council Member seats. A Resolution canvassing the City's municipal office election prepared for the Canvassing Board's consideration includes the following election results, read into record:

MAYOR	VOTES	COUNCIL MEMBER	VOTES
** Charlie Miner	826	** Mike Feldmann	601
Write-in, if any	27	Tony David	160
		Anita Secord	327
		** Gina Joyce	463
		Write-in, if any	7

<sup>\*\*</sup> PREVAILING CANDIDATE

Prevailing candidates were declared to be Charlie Miner for the office of Mayor; and Mike Feldmann and Gina Joyce for City Council Member.

Prior to the meeting, Moeller had electronically distributed an official abstract of election results, as well as provided an abstract of absentee results for the Board's information.

Moeller indicated that essentially half of Long Lake's eligible voters had opted to vote absentee for this year's General election. She reviewed overall statistics including the number of voters who cast ballots in the precinct on election day; the number of absentee ballots cast; the number of currently registered voters eligible to vote in the precinct at the start of the day versus the number of total votes cast; and indicated how many new voters had registered at the precinct.

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Moeller expressed sincere gratitude to her fellow City administrative and Public Works staff for their help, support, and efforts in preparing the polling place for election day. She also gave thanks to the City's election judges – Sherrill Michel, Tim Szeliga, Jim Gulbranson, Justin Koski, Nicole Fierce, Donny Chillstrom, Sally Skjaret and Ann Webster – for their wonderful teamwork in the polling place on election day.

Mayor Miner complimented Moeller and staff for their great work through the election cycle. He asked whether absentee voting totals needed to be recognized separately.

Moeller replied that the Canvassing Board is being requested to certify overall vote totals representing the combined voting for all municipal offices. She mentioned that an absentee voting abstract had been included in Board member meeting packets for their information.

A motion was made by Skjaret, seconded by Dyvik, to adopt Resolution No. 2020-39 certifying the election results of the City municipal election held in conjunction with the State General Election on November 3, 2020. Ayes: all.

Mayor Miner congratulated prevailing candidates, noting that Council member elect Gina Joyce was in attendance at the Canvassing Board meeting.

## **ADJOURN**

Hearing no objection, Mayor Miner adjourned the Canvassing Board meeting by general consent at 12:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanette Moeller City Clerk